



Bonita Unified
SCHOOL DISTRICT

NEWS RELEASE

Opposition to Afflerbaugh-Paige & Glenn Rockey Camp Conversion to Secure Youth Treatment Facilities

December 17, 2021

Kathryn Barger

RE: Opposition to Afflerbaugh-Paige and Glenn Rockey Camp Conversion to Secure Youth Treatment Facilities

Dear Supervisor Barger:

I am writing as the Superintendent of Schools for Bonita Unified School District to express concerns and opposition regarding converting camps Afflerbaugh-Paige and Glenn Rockey Camp to permanent Secure Youth Treatment Facilities.

As superintendent, one of my primary responsibilities is the safety of our students and staff. The Los Angeles County Probation Oversight Commission is considering converting probation camp Afflerbaugh-Paige in La Verne and Glenn Rockey Camp in San Dimas to permanent secure youth treatment facilities housing violent offenders. We stand united with the city leadership of La Verne and San Dimas in opposition to these proposals.

We understand that no final decision has been made, however, Afflerbaugh-Paige Camp is on the County's Juvenile Justice Realignment Block Grant Subcommittee preferred list and Glenn Rockey Camp could serve as an alternate. In their recent letters to your office, the cities of La Verne and San Dimas detailed numerous reasons why these locations are not appropriate sites for higher-level offenders. Afflerbaugh-Paige and Glenn Rockey Camp are located in the heart of our communities where our students and families live. They are also near our schools. Oak Mesa Elementary School is within three miles of Afflerbaugh-Paige camp, and Allen Avenue Elementary School is 1.6 miles from Glenn Rockey Camp.

This District relies on our local law enforcement to support the safety and security of our students and staff. If a decision is made for Afflerbaugh-Paige and Glenn Rockey camps to house convicted violent offenders, as proposed by the Los Angeles County Oversight Commission, there is no doubt public safety services will be diverted to support the Los Angeles County Probation Department. This would take away valuable and much-needed resources from our communities and schools.

We respectfully request that you work with our city leadership, listen to our community members, and take a proactive approach in the placement of these offenders in more suitable, alternate locations eliminating the need to redesign facilities intended to support non-violent offenders. With the proposed high level of offenders in proximity to our schools, I urge you and the Los Angeles County Probation Oversight Commission to find appropriate locations, such as empty state facilities and/or camps designed to meet the needs of high-level offenders.

I have included links to the city letters for your reference once more. On behalf of the Board of Education, we hope that these requests are not only considered but acted upon.

Thank you.

Carl Coles

Superintendent

Attachments

[City of La Verne letter](#)

[City of San Dimas letter](#)